

SENATE RESOLUTION 156
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Forge Ridge High School boys' basketball head coach Joe Wolfenbarger on his selection for the prestigious title of "District 2-A Coach of the Year".

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize exemplary athletic coaches who expertly train their team's members to play adroitly, to make sacrifices for their respective squads, to handle success with grace and, most importantly, to be role models for their classmates and good citizens; and

WHEREAS, Joe Wolfenbarger, boys' basketball head coach at Forge Ridge High School who was recently chosen District 2-A Coach of the Year, is one such admirable person; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his outstanding guidance, the talented 1997-1998 Dragons won the District 2-A championship and finished as runner-up in tough Region 1-A Tournament competition, thus reaching the important substate round; and

WHEREAS, this season marks the first time that any Claiborne County athletic team has reached the substate level; and

WHEREAS, the Dragons compiled an impressive 21-10 overall record this season; and

WHEREAS, these solid accomplishments are particularly noteworthy, in light of the fact that there are no seniors on the squad; and

WHEREAS, because Coach Wolfenbarger attended both Forge Ridge Elementary School and Forge Ridge High School, this latest honor has a very special meaning for him; and

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WHEREAS, his players are very respectful young men who have performed well on the basketball court and in their respective academic programs; and

WHEREAS, Coach Wolfenbarger modestly credits the success of the team to his players and Danna Conner, his Assistant Coach; and

WHEREAS, he fondly recognizes his mother and father, Charles and Gertrude Wolfenbarger, as the most important influence in his life because of their strong support and their valuable lessons about the value of hard work in all areas of his life; and

WHEREAS, Marty Cosby, the excellent Principal of Forge Ridge High School, has heaped considerable praise upon Coach Wolfenbarger, stating that he works with purpose and commitment at all his assigned tasks, no matter how great or small; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pause to recognize Coach Joe Wolfenbarger, saluting his numerous accomplishments on the hardwood and in the game of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Joe Wolfenbarger and wish him much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.